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### SUMMARY

This Supplemental Report covers the interview of Officer A. Watkins (ID# 1477).

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### **INVESTIGATION:**

#### Interview of Officer A. Watkins

On 07-23-18 at approximately 1000 hours, partner Detective Beler and I interviewed Officer Watkins in the Conference Room at the Magnolia Police Station. The interview was recorded on my Department issued digital recorder and later downloaded. The following is a summary of that interview.

Officer Watkins said on the day of the incident (07-20-18) he was working swing shift and his designator was 3R38. He was in a marked unit (#3779) and was wearing his police uniform. He heard dispatch ask Air1 if they were available to respond to an AOD (Assist Other Department) to assist RSO (Riverside Sheriff's Office) with a pursuit where shots were being fired. He heard it was in the area of the 215 freeway and Nuevo Rd., so he started heading up the hill. He thought that if the pursuit were to come into Riverside it would probably be off of Van Buren Blvd. so he headed towards Van Buren Blvd. As he approached Van Buren Blvd. from Meridian Pkwy he heard that the pursuit had gone onto Van Buren Blvd. and was heading west. At that point the suspect vehicle had been described as a Chrysler and he heard that additional shots had been fired when they exited Van Buren Blvd.

As the pursuit headed west, Officer Watkins entered the pursuit behind two unmarked units. He believed one of the unmarked units was silver, but he couldn't remember the color of the second unmarked unit. He said they only had take down lights; no overhead lights. Officer Watkins said he stayed with the pursuit the entire time but initially when he started heading up Van Buren Blvd. (behind the two unmarked units), when he reached Plummer St. the two unmarked units were already at Barton Rd. so he was trying to catch up. He did not actually catch up to the pursuit until they reached Dufferin Ave. At Dufferin Ave. he could see the rear of the suspect vehicle as it was making turns and going the wrong way. He could not see the driver.

Officer Watkins said when they got to Victoria Ave. the suspect went the wrong way on Victoria Ave. The pursuit then went through the Arroyo's, across Van Buren Blvd. to Harrison St., back north, then east on Indiana Ave. Officer Watkins had lost sight and the suspect vehicle and did not

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see it again until they got to the area of Adams St. and Arlington Ave. because of all of the police cars ahead of him. He said there was a Riverside Police Department (RPD) car in front of him, an RPD Sergeant unit, whatever allied agency that was involved, and a K-9 unit. He tried to pass other units when he had the opportunity, but for the most part he just stayed in line. He didn't see the suspect vehicle again until they were in the area of Sierra St., in the neighborhood behind the Sears. He could see the suspect vehicle making its turns.

Officer Watkins said once the suspect vehicle got back on Arlington Ave. and started heading west, he could see the suspect vehicle again. When the suspect vehicle went the wrong way on Arlington Ave. and got pinned, Officer Watkins ended up being the third car back. He heard Air1 say that the suspect vehicle was stopped and the driver's door was open. Officer Watkins exited his vehicle with his rifle and started running towards where the suspect vehicle was stopped. When he was between his car and the car in front of him he heard a shot. He then ran to where Officer O'Farrell and Officer Reimer were and helped cover the suspect vehicle. He said someone had already put out over the radio that shots had been fired. Officer Watkins said there were people in the car (that they were using as cover), so he and Officer O'Farrell maintained cover on the suspect vehicle while other officers got the females out of the car. Once the METRO Team showed up Officer Watkins was pulled from his position.

Officer O'Farrell and Officer Reimer. He said he wanted to say Officer Hernandez but he wasn't completely sure. We asked him if he heard any communication between any of the officers. Officer Watkins said he asked where the suspect was and Officer O'Farrell said the suspect was down. Officer Watkins asked Officer O'Farrell where the suspect was. Officer O'Farrell said the suspect was down in the car and that it was a head shot. Officer Watkins asked Officer O'Farrell if it was him (who had shot) and Officer O'Farrell said yes. Officer Watkins said from where he was standing he could see the suspect's shoulder and hip area, but he couldn't see all of him.

Officer Watkins said he only heard one shot and did not see who actually shot. He later learned it was Officer O'Farrell but he did not see O'Farrell shoot. Officer Watkins said he did not see what

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